

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomio MIMURA, et al.

SERIAL NO: New U.S. Application

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FOR: GAS-LIQUID CONTACT PLATE AND GAS-LIQUID CONTACTOR

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/032,554 filed January 2, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:
- | <u>Application No.</u>   | <u>Date Filed</u> |
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| ■ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of <b>35 U.S.C. §119</b> , as noted below. |                   |

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-112298	April 11, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ was filed in prior application Serial No. 10/032,554 filed January 2, 2002.
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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